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WAYMART.

Katherine and Olle Stephenson are visiting their sisters in Schenectady, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith were called to Jermyn to-day by the death of their brother, Frank Jeffrey.

Hazel and Leida Chubb visited Carbondale friends the latter part of the week.

Mrs. John Dimock is suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Smith, widow of the late Lafayette Smith, was held yesterday from the M. E. church. Mrs. Smith was ill only a few days with pneumonia. She was a woman esteemed by all who knew her.

Mr. Scudder, of Middletown, N. Y., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. F. R. Varcoe.

Those who are home from college for their Xmas vacation are Frank and U. J. Doyle of Philadelphia, and Ruth Tuthill of Drew Seminary.

HAWLEY AND WILSONVILLE.

The stores in town are in full holiday attire, so inviting is the window display that it is impossible to pass by and be satisfied with only a look; one must enter and purchase a gift for the friend, wife or sweetheart. Especially attractive is the camping scene in the window of Wm. Watt's hardware store. There is a very real looking fox in the foreground, also other animals; a kettle hanging over a pile of wood ready to light. But what lends genuine life to the scene is the owner's hunting dog who may be seen part of the time curled up under the tent enjoying a peaceful nap not seeming to be annoyed by the gaze of passers by.

Christmas exercises at the Bone Ridge school on Wednesday afternoon, and at the Hawley graded school on Thursday afternoon of this week.

Monday's rain storm raised the water in the Paupack river so that the flash boards in the dam could be removed, there being enough water now to operate the power at electric light plant and stone silk mill without the use of them.

The Sunday school festival and tree at the M. E. church on Wednesday night, the 29th inst.

Myra Miller of Avo, passed Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst., with her friend, Mrs. Joseph Pennell, at Wilsonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler and daughter, Mary, were Sunday afternoon guests of Albert Wheeler and family.

D. J. Branning will spend the first of the week in New York.

George Heichelbeck and wife passed Sunday with Lakeville relatives.

M. Gerrity and sister, of Arlington, visited friends in town Saturday, returning on Sunday afternoon.

John Pennell, of Arlington, has accepted a position in Edward Goldbach's shoe store. He began work on Monday.

George Pelton, drayman, lost one of his team horses on Thursday last.

E. L. Schlager, a director of the Scranton Fire Insurance Company, attended their business meeting in Scranton on Friday. The company have issued their certificates and are now ready to write insurance.

P. J. Keary's valuable shepherd dog has strayed from home. He will be glad to find his whereabouts. Earl Blossom, who is home from Wyoming Seminary, led the League meeting in the M. E. church on Sunday evening.

The ice in the old Paupack river is nearly twelve inches in thickness. The ice harvest will soon begin.

R. W. Murphy visited his mother at Lakeville on Sunday.

Julia Compton, teacher of the Taffon school, visited her friends at White Mills, from Friday night until Sunday afternoon.

ALDENVILLE.

The Literary Society of the Clinton High school will hold a public meeting on Thursday, December 23rd, followed by the following literary and social program for the benefit of the Literary Society. Program begins at 7 o'clock sharp.

Welcome Song, by the school.

Recitation, Miss Carrie Curtis.

Duet, Principal W. D. Watkins and wife.

Dialogue: Touch of Nature—Nelle Gleason, Lillian Gleason, and Harry Varcoe.

Song, by Miss Stanton's school.

Recitation, Ruth Gaylord.

Violin Solo, Mr. Clemens.

Select Reading, Pearl Hauenstein.

Drill—By primary pupils of Miss Stanton's school.

Recitation, Kathleen McCabe.

Dialogue: Santa Claus Discovered—Samuel Counterman, Harold White, Keith Arnold, Dora Knapp, Ruth Gaylord, Lois Martin.

Recitation, Amanda Norton.

Song, by school.

Select Reading, Clair Kennedy.

Stocking Recitation, Gerald Shanley.

Kiss of 1954, Frank Burns.

Cornet Duet—Stanley Rainey and Herbert Loomis.

Dialogue, Miss Stanton's school.

Journal—Flora Loomis.

Quartet: "Good Night," Miss Stanton, Harry Varcoe, Principal Watkins, and Stanley Rainey.

Following the Literary program the following social program will be rendered:

Races—Bean, egg, doughnut.

Games—Vegetable: Potatoe, bean, cabbage, cucumber.

Miscellaneous entertainment, and refreshments will be served.

G. H. Knapp has the repairs on his house about completed.

The dance given in Fitz's Hall, Friday night, had a very small attendance.

Wilmarth and Pentecost are shipping mine rails bark.

Judson Fitz, who has been suffering from a fractured shoulder, is on the gain.

Everybody seems to be preparing for Christmas.

C. H. Wilmarth is making some repairs on his barn.

C. C. Lozier made a business trip to New York this week.

There is going to be a home gathering of several families of relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smith are expected at the home of Andrew Derrick to spend Christmas.

The annual meeting of the Clinton High school Alumni Association will be held at the home of Phil Kennedy, Creamton, Pa., Dec. 29, 1909.

WHITES VALLEY.

Miss Helen Odell has returned home after spending several weeks in Honesdale.

Mrs. Laura Conyne is recovering from a recent illness.

Mr. Fred W. White and Mrs. H. L. Fisher visited at Gilbert White's in Honesdale last week.

Miss May E. Glover of this place was united in marriage to Mr. Nelson Hutchins of Carbondale, on Tuesday, December 14th, by the Rev. W. L. Van Campen, of Lakeville.

Herbert Sherwood and Miss Gladys Miller were united in marriage on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, by the Rev. Will H. Hiller, of Honesdale.

Morning, afternoon and evening services will be held in the M. E. church on January 6th. Dinner and supper will be served in Independent Hall by the society.

Mr. E. N. Stark has returned from Cannonsville, N. Y.

Mr. Henry Meade is visiting at H. P. Meade's.

Mrs. Charles Bonham and son Vinal have returned home after spending several weeks with Carbondale and Wilkes-Barre friends.

Mr. Henry Bartholomew spent Sunday at V. E. Odell's.

MAPLEWOOD.

Roy Black was tendered a surprise party Friday night by his friends, the occasion being his sixteenth birthday. The evening was pleasantly passed in the usual amusements. Those present were: Misses Pearl Bell, Effie Bell, Edith Jones, Mary Hartley, and Cora Bartlow, and Messrs. Friend Black, Lyle Jones, Howard Gromlich, Coan Bell, Lyle Lee and Orrin Keene.

Rev. J. G. Rosenberger spent Sunday at Newfoundland.

The home of F. S. Keene burned Saturday afternoon with almost a total loss of the contents. The fire started in the dining room from a defective stove pipe and gained such headway that it was impossible to save only a desk and a bed with a few articles of clothing belonging to Mr. Keene. The children were all away from the house but the eldest girl and the baby. Mrs. Keene, who has been confined to her bed for a couple of days, and who was dressing in the front of the house, was attracted to the fire by the baby calling her and saying "fire, mamma."

Mrs. Keene sent the children out of the way, and calling Mr. Keene and his boys who were in the woods hauling wood, started to save what she could. Some of the neighbors hastened to the fire but could not do anything only watch the barn and shop. The cellar, which was well filled with fruit and vegetables, is nothing but a smouldering ruin. Mrs. Keene and the eight children lost all their clothing except what they were wearing. The loss is placed at \$1,000. No insurance.

INDIAN ORCHARD.

The young people at this place spend considerable time at skating on Beach Lake and on Adams Lake.

Fred Swartz spent Thursday and Friday at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ostrander, at Atco.

Edward Van Ripen called on Narrowsburg friends on Thursday.

Mrs. Moses Dexter of Narrowsburg, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Case.

The Indian Orchard Cemetery Association will meet in the Grange Hall at this place on Wednesday evening, Jan. 5th, 1910, and not the 15th, as stated in the last issue of this paper.

W. C. Spry has sold one of his valuable draft horses.

Fred Avery made a business trip to Torrey on Saturday.

Albert Swartz has been working for Harry Leftwich during the past week.

Edward Gillispie, of Laurella, has been spending several days with friends at this place.

The directors of the Big Eddy Telephone Company met at Cohecton on Saturday last.

Mrs. Ostrander, of Atco, was a pleasant caller at this place on Saturday.

Several from here attended the teachers' institute at Beach Lake on Saturday.

Mrs. Joseph Atkinson of White Mills, visited her daughter, Mrs. O. D. Henshaw, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bayly, of Laurella, spent Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Crosby.

George Ham has exchanged his large horse for a road horse.

Mrs. William Colwill, of Torrey, accompanied by her daughter, Edna, called on relatives here Saturday.

Albert Swartz leaves this morning for New York City.

Richard Ham made a trip to Paupack recently; while there he purchased an I. O. C. hog.

Fred Marshall and wife, of Laurella, were business callers at Earl Ham's on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Spry called on East Beach Lake friends on Sunday.

Little Irvin Bunnell was bitten quite badly by a dog on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Abe Lovelass, of Swamp Brook, will be buried at the Indian Orchard cemetery on Tuesday next.

(From Another Correspondent)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the Citizen and all its readers.

Mr. and Mrs. William Weeks, of White Mills, expect to spend Christmas week with friends and relatives at this place.

W. W. Williams and Fred Marshall went fishing on Boyd's pond and caught fifteen fine pickerel. They think of going again.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Maloney and family of Laurella, visited at the home of C. T. Weeks last Sunday.

G. H. Ham draws the reins over a fine new roadster.

The Aid was very pleasantly entertained at the home of the president, Mrs. W. D. Buckingham. The ladies are making plans for some good times this winter.

Harry Leftwich visited his sister, Mrs. E. Goothie, at White Mills on Saturday evening.

H. Ray Bayly, who is working at his trade as glass cutter in Honesdale, spent Sunday with his family at this place.

George Lovelace received the sad news, on Saturday, that his mother, Mrs. Abe Lovelace, had passed away.

Ethel Bunnell, who is attending school at Honesdale, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, H. H. Bunnell and wife, at the Almshouse.

Eva Miller is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Andy Maloney, at Laurella.

Mrs. R. Leftwich is recovering from a severe cold; her daughter, Mrs. Goothie, spent Sunday with her.

Mrs. Finklin's health improves very slowly.

Nellie Hall spent Sunday afternoon with Lizzie Switzer.

W. H. Hall made a business trip to Scranton the first of the week.

The Grangers are planning an entertainment in the near future.

SOUTH STERLING.

A number of people attended the Sunday School convention at Sterling, Tuesday, Dec. 14th. Had a fine time and were entertained very nicely.

Mrs. Richard Bartleson visited her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Robacker of Moscow on Tuesday.

Mr. A. E. Barnes made a business trip to Scranton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. West has been on the sick list.

Miss Price of Mt. Pocono, has been the guest of Mrs. H. L. Gilpin.

Mr. Homer and Earl Carlton spent a few days last week in Scranton.

George Frey has returned home from Philadelphia where he has completed the course at the embalming school.

Miss Carrie Wert has gone to Weissport to spend the winter with her uncle.

Mrs. Amelia Gracer is helping Mrs. G. H. Lancaster in general housework.

Christmas entertainment held in the M. E. church Xmas eve. Cantata—"A Jack Frost Shower."

ORSON.

Mrs. D. O. Chamberlain entertained the Ladies' Aid Thursday of last week for dinner.

Miss Grace Hall spent last week in Wilkes-Barre.

Mr. H. B. Hall and Ira N. Hine, who have been on the sick list, are somewhat improved at this writing.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Warner Sanford, Dec. 13, a son.

Rev. O. G. Russell delivered a very interesting sermon Sunday evening.

Rev. J. B. Cody, of Bethany, is expected to deliver a lecture January 26th in the M. E. church for the benefit of the Epworth League.

Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kady and family and J. N. Hine and family of Scranton, are expected to spend Xmas with D. J. Hine.

Reba Hine returned to Winwood to-day where she is attending school.

The M. E. Sunday school will have an entertainment and Xmas tree at the church Xmas eve.

Mr. H. J. Hine killed a hog recently which weighed 500 pounds when dressed.

Mrs. Frank Sanford is spending sometime with her son in Jersey City and daughter in Connecticut.

W. R. Belknap and Irvin Lee, who are working in Bergenfield, N. J., are expected home for the holidays.

Mrs. O. B. Russell entertained the Women's Home Missionary society on Wednesday afternoon of last week.

May you all have a very Merry Christmas.

BETHANY.

Our oldest resident, William Pethick, celebrated his 94th birthday on Monday, Dec. 13th.

Clara Ballou left Wednesday for Wilkes-Barre to visit relatives.

Mr. Ridgeway of Honesdale, was here Wednesday putting in the new lights for J. B. Faatz's at his store and home.

All the school girls are very anxious for December 23rd to come as the contest for the beautiful doll at the store will close then. A vote is given with every ten cent's worth of goods purchased.

Mrs. J. J. Hause, Mrs. George Robertson and Mrs. Strongman spent Friday in Scranton.

Miss Katherine Kallish of Honesdale, representing the Independent, was a caller in the village on Friday.

The Union Christmas exercises will be held Christmas evening; Saturday, in the Methodist church. Rev. W. B. Signor expects to be at Aldenville on Friday evening.

Dr. Fuller, District Superintendent, preached two of his eloquent sermons here at the quarterly conference Saturday evening and again Sunday morning.

Patrons' Day will be observed Friday afternoon in the school here by Miss Maney's scholars. A fine entertainment and Christmas tree with gifts will be the attraction.

John Smith has sold his milk route to Elmer Faatz. Harry Smith has sold his milk route to Mr. McMullen. They both expect to go into other business.

—The residents of Damascus township are bothered with rats. The rodents enter chicken coops and kill the chickens. In color they are something like the red squirrel. They are much larger than either the gray or black rat. The only way the farmers can account for this invasion is by way of the box cars on the Erie. E. A. Sheard, of Damascus, reports having lost 160 chickens last season.

In Memoriam—John A. Rutledge.

On Tuesday, November 23d, 1909, a sudden pall of gloom overshadowed this community, when, as a flash of lightning from out of a clear sky, the messages went over the wires that John A. Rutledge had completed the record of a life that had been utilized for the betterment of mankind, and that "he was not, for God had taken him."

To behold Mr. Rutledge in his store at Galilee, on Friday, Nov. 19, the day on which he was taken ill, no one would have thought for a moment that he was so soon to be stricken with death, for he was the picture of health, a man of apparent strong physique, and of a jovial and pleasant disposition, and to know him was to admire him, for his sterling and upright qualities, whose word was as good as his bond, and in his mercantile business, in which he had been engaged for the last seven years at Galilee, and in his dealings with a variety of people whose characteristics were as varied as their faces, he built up a trade which we think cannot be surpassed in a hamlet of similar bounds. His dealings with his fellowmen was above reproach, being open and above board, and he was one of the influential men of the town, having at different times held town offices, and wherever known he was honored and respected. He was an example of industry, generosity, thrift, stability, kindness and good cheer. The hospitality of his home was shared in by their large circle of friends and acquaintances, and in his home his pastor and preachers of other folds found a hearty welcome, and the joy of their family circle was overflowing to enrich other homes, and although he was a man of large business interests which occupied the larger part of his time, he was never too busy to listen to or converse about methods and means for giving Christ and the church their share of thought and strength, and the finances of the church were greatly aided by his liberal giving. The going of such a life from any family or community is keenly felt, and also places a responsibility on those who remain to honor his name and memory.

He became a member of the Galilee Methodist Episcopal church in 1908, as part of the fruit of that memorable revival held under the pastorate of Rev. L. T. Van Campen. Having professed conversion and assuming the obligations of the church, he entered upon the Christian life with that same zest to do business for eternity as characterized him in his temporal affairs. He was elected and remained a trustee of the church. He remained a consistent member until God called him to enrich Heaven by the translation from his earthly home.

He was the third son of William and Levinia Rutledge of Rutledge, and was born in the old homestead on Aug. 28, 1860; he continued the business of farming until his purchase of the store of G. C. Abraham, at Galilee, in 1903. On Nov. 17, 1891, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Bertha Adams of Cold Spring, Pa., and to them were born three children—Vera M., Orvis W., and Ian. His father died nine years ago.

He is survived by his widow and three children, and his aged mother, who is eighty-two years old, and who thinks that she could have been better taken than her son John, but who expects soon to be reunited with her boy in Heaven; three brothers, Alexander, of Scranton; Isaac S., of West Damascus; Wesley, of Rutledge, and one sister, Mrs. Rollin Coons, of Sweden Valley, Pa.

He was taken sick with peritonitis. Three physicians and a nurse were in attendance, and although surrounded by loved ones who did all they

could to alleviate his suffering which at times was intense, he came down toward the end, patient and trusting; truly his house was set in order and was waiting for the summons and he was calmly resigned to God's will whom he was soon to see face to face, and to receive the reward of the righteous.

The funeral services were held on Friday, November 26, at 11 a. m. in the Galilee Methodist Episcopal church, by Rev. J. M. Coleman, who preached from the text, "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh," to a congregation that filled the body of the church, aisles, gallery and hall. The floral tributes were many. The body was then taken to the Bolkom cemetery at Rileyville for burial.

W. J. L.

Jurors for January Court.

GRAND JURORS.

Week commencing Jan. 10.

Bethany—J. W. Starnes.

Cherry Ridge—Christian Eppley.

Damascus—W. A. Gregg, J. W. Whitmore.

Dyberry—Friend Walters.

Hawley—Mark Creasy, George Tuthill.

Honesdale—Frank Box, W. L. Burdard.

Lake—Isaac Shaffer.

Lehigh—S. F. Sebring.

Manchester—Ralph Gillog.

Mt. Pleasant—Ellison Rude.

Oregon—Edward Smith.

Paupack—Charles W. Brink.

Preston—John W. Lee.

Prompton—D. M. Colvin.

Salem—S. H. Blake, George F. Chapman.

Scott—Joseph F. Hocking.

South Canaan—Loren Reed.

Texas—Daniel Pell, Benjamin Pooley.

Waymart—H. F. Inch.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

Week commencing Jan. 17.

Berlin—W. H. Hall, Joseph Billard, George West.

Buckingham—John Cuddih.

Cherry Ridge—Richard Higgins.

Clinton—Joseph Burns.

Damascus—Thomas Gilroy, Wesley Wilcox, W. B. Yerkes, Irving Rutledge.

Dreher—Frank Madden, Thomas Burns, Malcolm Jones.

Dyberry—James Monington, Burton Featz.

Hawley—Joseph Spring, Thomas Drake, M. R. Barrett.

Honesdale—F. C. Relchenbacher, John Jenkins, Jacob Smith, F. J. Varcoe.

Lehigh—W. L. Harvey.

Lebanon—Leon B. Mitchell.

Manchester—Ira Ellsworth, A. K. Lord.

Mt. Pleasant—R. F. Mumford.

Oregon—Jacob Riefler.

Palmyra—M. A. Scheitz